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Applicant: SANDSTROM, Torbjorn et al. Conf.:

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For: IMPROVED PATTERN GENERATOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

15. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, whereby the field restriction comprises a modulator.

16. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12, whereby the field restriction comprises a small angle scanner.

34. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 32, whereby the field restriction comprises a second modulator.

35. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 32, whereby the field restriction comprises a small angle.

REMARKS

The amendment to the claims is merely to delete multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up copy of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Version with Markings Showing Changes Made

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

15. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12 [or 13],
whereby the field restriction comprises a modulator.

16. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 12 [or 13],
whereby the field restriction comprises a small angle scanner.

34. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 32 [or 33],
whereby the field restriction comprises a second modulator.

35. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 32 [or 33],
whereby the field restriction comprises a small angle.